

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 54.

The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figure 54, replaces the original sheet including Figure 54.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Snow's granting of an interview after final rejection on June 13, 2006 to the undersigned attorney Maria Comninou. It was agreed that the exemplary compliant portion 1512 of FIG. 54 would be amended to show a coiled spring portion, as supported by the specification as originally filed.

REMARKS

The present Amendment After Final Action is made in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.116. Claims 19-25 stand allowed. Rejected claims 1, 26 and 34 were canceled without prejudice regarding their subject matter. Objected but otherwise allowable claims 2, 4-11, 18, 36 and 37 were non-narrowingly amended into independent claims with all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The remaining objected claims 3 and 12-17 are now properly dependent claims. Rejected claims 27, 35 and 38 were amended to depend from allowable claim 36. Rejected claim 28 depends from amended claim 27. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 2-25, 27, 28, and 35-38 will be pending in the application. It is respectfully requested that the present patent application proceeds to allowance.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Per Examiner's recommendation in a telephone interview with undersigned attorney Maria Comninou, on June 13, 2006, as discussed above, Applicants amended FIG. 53 to show the compliant portion 1512 with an exemplary spring/coil, similar to the embodiment indicated in FIG. 52, as indicative of the compliant function. This amendment finds support in the specification as originally filed. See, for example, paragraph [0210]. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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